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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Mr. Stevenson, 1 October 1956

1. The third intelligence briefing of Mr. Stevenson took place on Monday, 1 October, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington. It lasted from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

2. Contrary to previous practice, Mr. Stevenson interrupted his reading of the prepared briefing on the Suez situation (the first article) with questions and returned to this subject again after he had read the other articles in the briefing. He read the article on Soviet Disarmament Policy with marked deliberateness and studied it a second time before the session ended. But he asked no questions about Soviet disarmament policy.

3. Except for a few questions about Chou-En Lai's forthcoming tour, the status of the Sino-Burmese dispute, and the opposition in host countries to American overseas bases, Mr. Stevenson's questions were all on the Suez problem--in nearly all of its international complications and most of its local relations. He seemed particularly interested in the legal aspects of Nasr's position and in Nasr's ability to maintain his government against economic sanctions.

4. Mr. Stevenson does not expect to be in Washington again before the election and asked if he might have his next briefing in Chicago sometime in the early part of next week. Mr. Blair will telephone us several days in advance to fix the time and place.



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